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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Tadashi SAITO et al

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For : FLOW ANALYSIS SYSTEM  
CAPABLE OF QUANTITATIVELY  
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This is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008, the term for which expires January 19, 2009.

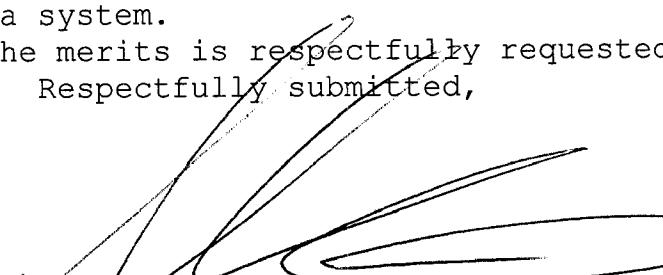
**ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II (Claims 1-4, 7-10, and 13) drawn to a system.

A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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